



Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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Missouri will receive \$42.8 Million in Homeland Security Funds

Governor Matt Blunt announced Missouri will receive \$42,860,979 in FY'06 funds from the US Department of Homeland Security for State and Local Homeland Security initiatives. Missouri aligned the state's objectives with the National Priorities and target capabilities established by the Interim National Preparedness Goal.

Missouri will receive Department of Homeland Security funds in the following programs:

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| • State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) | \$17,980,000 |
| • Urban Areas Security Initiatives (UASI) | \$18,440,000 |
| (Kansas City will receive \$9,240,000 and St Louis will receive \$9,200,000). | |
| • Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) | \$ 5,610,000 |
| • Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) | \$ 464,440 |
| • Citizen Corps Program (CCP) | \$ 366,319 |

SEMA spent hundreds of hours working with local officials, the UASIs, and state agencies gathering information to write and submit Missouri's FY'06 Homeland Security Grant proposal. The hard work paid off. The national peer reviewers deemed 8 of 15 of Missouri's justifications as being in the top 15 percent of the 586 proposals submitted to Department of Homeland Security. Overall, the peer groups rated Missouri's proposal in the top 25 percent and 50 percent.

"Once the official grant letter is received, Missouri will have 60 days to reprioritize some objectives and allocate the funds," said Ronald M. Reynolds, State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) Director and Missouri's State Administrative Agent (SAA) for Homeland Security grant management.

This year's competitive Homeland Security grants were peer reviewed and based on risk and state and Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) objectives. The Department of Homeland Security's total FY06 Homeland Security Grant was \$500 Million less for the entire nation than last year.

FY2005 Interoperable Communications Grant-Specifications-Reminder

By Tom Mohr, Homeland Security Program Branch Chief

As described in the FY2005 State Interoperable Communication Grant the following radio specifications are required as the standard for radios purchased by through this grant program. **Project 25 Common Air Interface requires the purchase of digital radios.**

- 48 Channel capacity or more (96 recommended)
- Narrowband capable (the ability to locate 7.5 KHz centers)
- 8 character alphanumeric display
- 136/148-174 MHz frequency range
- FCC type accepted
- Project 25 (CAI) Common Air Interface (conventional mode)

As agreed to in the terms and conditions of the grant, only radios that meet the required specifications may be purchased, any invoices received that do not meet the specifications will be returned to the sub grantee for immediate action.

We also request sub grantees do not have vendor's call SEMA concerning the grant. Local jurisdictional procurement rules are to be followed concerning the purchase of the radios. If you have any questions regarding the terms of the grant, please contact SEMA, as you are the responsible, accountable party.

FY 2005 Interoperable Communications Award Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

By Debbie Rathert, Homeland Security Grant Program, June 1, 2006

Q: If I can save money on radios, can I purchase additional radios? What happens to leftover funds?

A: No. You are limited to the number of radios awarded. Leftover funds, realized by competitive bidding and/or savings, will be awarded to fellow emergency responders so that Missouri can continue to enhance its interoperability capability.

Q: Can I purchase accessories for the radios? What about installation?

A: The intent of the grant is to pay for portable and mobile radio units. Repeaters for base units are not allowable. An antenna for a mobile unit only may be considered part of the basic package. Installation is covered on mobile radios. Repeaters for mobile radios may be allowed pending pre-approval by SEMA.

Q: If I save money on portables, can I apply those savings towards mobiles?

A: Yes. Three things limit your purchase – the Total Qty of radios approved, the Total allocation and the stipulation that if you decommission 5 mobiles, for example, you MUST replace with 5 mobiles. This is noted in the Instructions for Decommissioning in the paragraph below “Option 3:” on page 2. Do not decommission 10 mobiles and replace with 10 portables.

Q: Must I purchase the brand originally proposed in my application?

A: NO. As long as your purchase meets compliance standards, the brand does not matter.

Q: Can I buy radios that are not yet compliant, but will be (acc to the vendor), in the near future when the new software is available?

A: We cannot reimburse you for noncompliant radios. Reminder: The final grant date is February 28, 2007. If it won't be compliant by then, don't buy it.

Q: What kind of pre-programming must take place?

A: You dictate most of the programming. The only requirement is the pre-programming of a channel or channels that enable interoperability, commonly called “MTAC,” “UTAC,” or “VTAC.”

Q: Do I have to bid the radios?

A: You MUST adhere to local procurement guidelines for purchases. Violation could result in repayment of funds.

Q: If we choose Option 2 for decommissioning, can the vendor turn the radios back to us in lieu of a credit?

A: NO! These radios must be taken out of circulation and cannot be reused by you. *Reminder: Only wideband radios can be decommissioned.*

Q: We submitted a multi-jurisdictional application. One of the entities approved to receive a radio or radios no longer wants to participate. Can we reassign that radio somewhere else?

A: No. If an intended recipient does not want to participate for any reason, SEMA should be notified. That award amount will be adjusted accordingly.

Q: I am getting conflicting information from vendors.

A: If you have ANY questions, please contact SEMA prior to purchasing the radios. You are accountable for the grant terms being met. Failure to do so may result in nonpayment of your reimbursement request or, if discovered after payment, repayment may be necessary.

Q: The Grant Guidance talks about accessing your grant information online, but I received an email rejecting my account request.

A: This process is not yet ready. Please watch the SEMA newsletter, SEMA website, or your email for further information. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused you.

Q: How do I get reimbursed?

A: We are finalizing that now. The information will be announced at the same time the account information is addressed. Please watch the SEMA newsletter, SEMA website, or your email for further information. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused you.

Please remember there are volunteers and/or volunteer organizations who would benefit from your support. Please review Option 1 and consider decommissioning to a Citizen Council, local CERT team, Amateur Radio group, or other non-government organization involved in emergency response and recovery.

Missouri Tornado Disaster Assistance Exceeds \$24.4 Million

As of May 31, 2006, Missouri citizens have received \$24,470,525 in federal recovery assistance from the Presidential Disaster Declarations from the recent severe storms, tornadoes and flooding of March 8-13, 2006, and March 30- April 3, 2006.

- \$1,898,934 has been approved for Housing Assistance, including lodging expense reimbursement, repair assistance and temporary rental assistance.
- \$1,436,512 been approved for Other Needs Assistance which includes grants for personal property, vehicle losses, disaster related medical, dental and funeral expenses, moving and storage expenses as well as other expenses related to serious needs.
- The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved \$18,629,300 in low-interest disaster loans for homeowners, renters and businesses.
- \$21,780 has been disbursed in Disaster Unemployment Assistance.
- 216 applicants have requested manufactured homes. Of that number 86 households have leased units.
- \$2,483,988 in Public Assistance has been obligated by FEMA. The funds will be used by Missouri to reimburse local governments and agencies for eligible and documented debris removal, temporary sheltering, interim housing, and emergency protective measures associated with the severe storms
- FEMA has ordered and received 227 housing units for Pemiscot County. FEMA has completed 137 site inspections. As of May 31, 2006, 90 units have been leased/set up in Pemiscot County.
- **The deadline to register damages from the March 30-April 4, 2006 storms is 6 p.m. June 5.**

A total of 3,746 Missourians have applied for disaster assistance under both of Missouri's current federal disaster declarations dated March 16, 2006, and April 5, 2006. More than 3277 individuals have visited Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) opened for Missouri residents who have applied for disaster assistance. DRCs are designed to provide applicants with an opportunity to discuss their needs with

personnel from state, federal and voluntary organizations that can answer questions and provide recovery information about various programs available to individuals and business owners.

Upcoming Area Coordinator Meetings

Here is a list of upcoming SEMA Area Coordinator meetings:

Area B:	6:30 p.m., June 20, 2006	Days Inn, Kirksville
Area C:	10:30 a.m., June 14, 2006	City Council Chambers, Chesterfield
Area F:	10:00 a.m., June 7, 2006	Gasconade County Courthouse, Basement EOC
Area G:	11:30 a.m., June 7, 2006	Hillbilly Junction, Willow Springs

HSRT Grants Deadlines

By Debbie Rathert, Asst HS Program Manager, SEMA - Homeland Security

FY 03(2): ALL invoices and Final Reports are due by June 15th. Invoices dated after April 30, 2006 will be denied. IF you are under extension, you will receive a confirmation in writing upon approval from G & T. **(This applies to Interoperable Communications grants as well.)**

ALL sub grantees: FY 04: Unless you have a pending Extension Request with SEMA *at this time*, **ALL invoices and Final Reports are due to SEMA by July 15th.**

Failure to meet these deadlines could result in temporary suspension of any Homeland Security grant activity.

NRP Guideline Changes Posted to SEMA Homepage

The Department of Homeland Security emailed Missouri a Notice of Change to the National Response Plan (NRP). The Notice of Change is effective (i.e., modifies the NRP) immediately. SEMA posted both the Notice of Change to the NRP and the Quick Reference Guide to the SEMA homepage. The Notice of Change may be viewed at: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/NRPChange.pdf> and the Quick Reference Guide may be viewed at: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/NRPQuickRef.pdf>

The Notice of Change identifies locations in the December 2004 version of the NRP where changes have been made. This Notice of Change will be followed later this year by an extensive review of the NRP, at which time the NRP will be reissued.

New Class Coming for Elected Officials

The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) will introduce a new Incident Command System class for elected officials. The class is G402/ICS-402 replaces the former G194. The course is the equivalent to IS100 and therefore elected officials can substitute G402 for the IS 100 course. The new course is "Incident Command System (ICS) Overview for Executives/Senior Officials." It is a two-hour, instructor led class, and will be available through our NIMS training providers as soon as the new materials arrive and are distributed to the trainers. Here is the link to the NIMS training providers list: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/NIMSPProviders.doc>

The purpose of the course is to provide an orientation to the Incident Command System. In addition to Senior Officials and Executives, the course is designed for elected officials, city/county managers and agency administrators. The course describes incident command, the various ways it can be applied, and the Executive/Senior Official's role in ICS. Questions about the new class can be directed to Jim Pasley, Training in SEMA at 573-526-9226 or jim.pasley@sema.dps.mo.gov

SEMA Classes Openings

State Emergency Management Agency Training Division has openings for two June classes. For more information contact Training Assistant Tina Brown at 573-526-9215 or apply on-line at: <http://training.dps.mo.gov/sematraining.nsf/x/2FE923BFD9C88A0086256E4C007898F5?OpenDocument>

6/20-21/06	Special Events Contingency Planning for Public Safety Agencies	St. Louis
6/20-22/06	CERT Train-the-Trainer	Columbia
7/18-20/06	Emergency Planning	Jefferson City
8/22-24/06	Homeland Security for Local Governments	Sikeston
9/19-21/06	CERT Train-the-Trainer (Local to Region A)	Independence

Want Training in Your Area????

Please submit your local training requests to your SEMA Area Coordinator, as soon as possible. SEMA Training Officer Jim Charrier is in the process of making the new training schedule, which starts October 1, 2006.

MDHSS Participates in Emergency MedKit Study

By Julia M. Eckstein, MDHSS Director

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are partnering on a pilot behavioral research study to assess the feasibility, safety, acceptability, and usefulness of placing an Emergency MedKit in people's homes to be immediately available in case of a bioterrorism threat. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have approved an antibiotic in the MedKit for post-exposure inhalation anthrax exposure. The study will examine how people with diverse backgrounds follow instructions concerning appropriate storage and reserving the medicine for emergency preparedness use only. Participants in the study will **not** be instructed to take the medication.

MDHSS notified St. Louis area physicians about the study in the event that their patients question physicians. The study began the week of May 15, 2006, and will include approximately 5,000 households in the St. Louis area. The entire study will take approximately one year to complete. ***This study was not prompted by any particular threat.***

Missouri's Ready In Three Program Can Help Citizens

By Laura Kliethermes, MDHSS

We interrupt this programming for a test of the Emergency Broadcasting System. This is only a test. If this were an actual emergency, you would be instructed to . . . Take a moment and finish that thought. If faced with a real emergency what would you do? Are you prepared? Does your family have an emergency plan? Do you know how you will reach your family members if disaster strikes during the workday?

Now is the time to answer these questions and prepare your family – before an emergency happens. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services' *Ready in 3* emergency preparedness program can help!

Ready in 3 was created by the Department of Health and Senior Services to inform Missourians about what they can do at home, school, and work to prepare for emergency circumstances of all kinds. Endorsed by Missouri's Office of Homeland Security, the American Red Cross and the State Emergency Management Agency, *Ready in 3* includes three steps residents can take to become prepared:

1. Create a family plan;
2. Prepare an emergency kit; and
3. Listen for information about what to do and where to go during an actual emergency.

Preparing for an emergency should be a top priority for every family. Help us prepare Missouri families, tell your friends and business associates about *Ready in 3* and how it can help prepare them for their next emergency situation.

For more information about the state's emergency preparedness program, please visit the web site at www.dhss.mo.gov, click on the *Ready in 3* logo or call 573-526-4768.

4 Fire Departments Receive FP&S and SAFER Grants

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office of Grants and Training (OGT) recently announced that four Missouri Fire Departments will receive Fire Prevention & Safety (FP&S) and SAFER (Hiring and Recruiting) Grants. Missouri Fire Departments receiving the FP&S grants are: International Assn of Firefighters (Bridgeton) \$740,775; St. Clair FPD \$8,600; Wright City FPD \$32,598. Tyrone RFPD (Elk Creek) received a SAFER grant of \$24,050 to help with recruitment.

To date, 142 Missouri Fire Departments have received over \$14,246,666 through the OGT's Assistance to Firefighter Grants.

EMD Mailing Lists

SEMA **does not** sell EMD mailing lists and information to vendors. No EMD contact information is posted on our website. However upon request, SEMA will provide basic mailing contact information i.e. EMD Name, business address and telephone numbers. Remember vendors attending SEMA conferences do have access to attendee lists.

Fire Prevention 2006 Theme: Prevent Cooking Fires/Watch What You Heat

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) announced that this year's theme for Fire Prevention Week will be "Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch What You Heat." Fire Prevention Week is scheduled for October 8-14. During Fire Prevention Week an emphasis is placed on raising the public's awareness of fire prevention and safety with a special focus this year on the importance of preventing cooking fires in the home.

Home cooking fires kill hundreds of Americans and injure roughly 4,000 more each year. Aside from death and injury, other personal losses are suffered with half a billion dollars in homes and their contents destroyed annually.

Tips for safer cooking:

- Stand by your pan. Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking food. If you must leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove. Regularly check food cooking in the oven and use a timer.
- Avoid wearing loose clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking.
- Establish a No kids allowed zone of 3 feet (1 meter) around the stove. If you have young children, use the stove's back burners, and turn pot handles inward. Never hold a small child while cooking.
- Keep it clean: Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stovetop. Clean up food and grease from burners and the stovetop.

The NFPA's Website is www.nfpa.org.